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Interview Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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Date of Interview: 22 September 2008.

Type: a) Telephonic b) Video Conference
 c) Personal [copy given to: 1) applicant 2) applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) Yes e) No.
 If Yes, brief description: ____.

Claim(s) discussed: 1,15 and 24.

Identification of prior art discussed: Leone (US Pat. 5,488,761); Schwartz et al. (US Pat. 5,573,520); Martin (US Pat. 5,672,175).

Agreement with respect to the claims f) was reached. g) was not reached. h) N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Proposed claim amendments for claim 1 (e.g. rod coupled to a pedicle screw) would most likely overcome the 102 rejection of Leone. Arguments directed to the combination of the Schwartz et al. embodiments would most likely be found to be persuasive. Further search and/or consideration will be necessary.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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/Jerry Cumberledge/ Examiner, Art Unit 3733	
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